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- In the midst of dire economic news elsewhere, BC origin exports bucked the trend with a 5.1% increase over the January to November period compared to the same 11 months a year earlier.

- The driving force behind the overall increase in the value of BC exports was a 56.8% jump in the value of energy exports. Coal was the commodity that was largely responsible for this increase, as the value of coal shipments more than doubled in the first 11 months of 2008 compared to the same period in 2007 (+114.9%). Higher prices were behind much of this growth, as volumes of coal shipped rose only 9.1%. Exports of electricity actually fell (-8.9%), but natural gas (+21.2%) and other energy products (+32.2%) also experienced substantial export growth.

- The rise in energy product exports helped mitigate the losses in the forest sector. Shipments of solid wood products fell 25.1% year-to-date to November as reduced demand from the United States, due largely to the drop off in the housing market, hurt BC's industry. The pulp and paper sector has also experienced a slump in the value of exports (-7.3%), particularly newsprint, which saw shipments plunge 23.7%.

- Exports of metallic minerals have been fairly flat year-to-date (-0.4%), as a significant reduction in shipments of unwrought zinc (-21.7%) has offset strong growth in molybdenum ores and concentrates (+17.8%).

- On the positive side, shipments of fabricated metal products jumped 16.0%. Also, exports of agricultural and food products climbed 8.6% and chemicals and chemical products saw a 54.9% increase in the value of exports.

- BC's export markets have been shifting as a result of the drop in forest product exports and a corresponding rise in coal shipments. Exports to the United States were down 7.7%; however, shipments to the Pacific Rim climbed 23.9%. This included a 20.9% jump in exports to Japan, a 14.7% increase in shipments to Mainland China, and growth of over 40% in shipments to South Korea (+44.8%), Hong Kong (+41.2%) and Taiwan (+41.1%). While exports to the US were down, the same was not true for Canada's other NAFTA partner, Mexico, which experienced a 74.4% jump in shipments from BC.

BC's exports of chemicals and chemical products have experienced significant growth in the last year

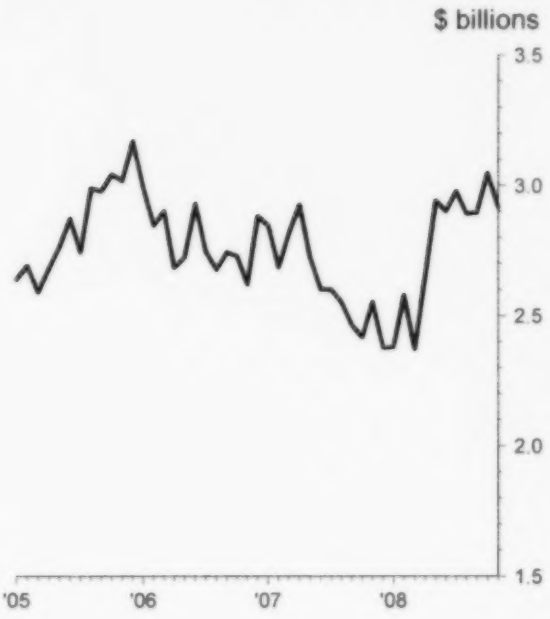
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED EXPORTS

Seasonal adjustment supplies a means of making month-to-month comparisons by removing the regular periodic seasonal fluctuations that occur. Variations from normal seasonal patterns are revealed in the seasonally adjusted data series.

- There was a 4.3% drop in the value of BC exports in November, with only energy products (+1.3%) bucking the trend. The largest declines were for forest products (-8.9%) and industrial and consumer goods (-7.9%).

- Exports to both the United States (-3.6%) and all other destinations (-4.9%) contributed to the overall decline. For the US, industrial and consumer goods (-12.9%) suffered the most significant drop, while elsewhere, both forest products (-19.4%) and machinery, equipment and automobiles (-12.5%) saw large declines.

Exports (adjusted for seasonality) slipped in November



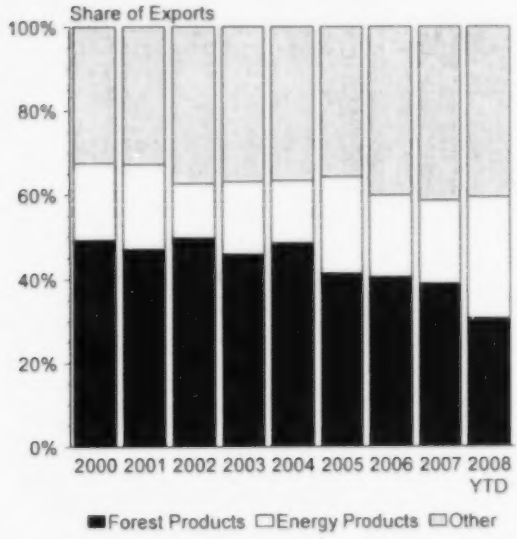
BC Exports, Seasonally Adjusted ($Millions)

Month	Agriculture & Fish	Energy	Forest Products	Machinery& Equip, Auto	Industrial, Consumer	Total	Exports to USA
Nov 2006	199	456	1,005	350	612	2,621	1,602
Dec	208	556	1,030	378	708	2,880	1,734
Jan 2007	208	523	1,116	364	636	2,846	1,751
Feb	198	577	977	368	566	2,686	1,661
Mar	210	547	1,075	381	604	2,816	1,725
Apr	197	554	1,115	379	678	2,924	1,709
May	189	557	1,014	339	625	2,723	1,627
Jun	183	496	997	344	582	2,602	1,606
Jul	168	506	967	349	609	2,600	1,583
Aug	179	497	992	347	536	2,552	1,590
Sep	196	470	830	363	604	2,464	1,513
Oct	168	484	862	332	571	2,417	1,446
Nov	165	519	881	340	647	2,551	1,458
Dec	186	467	864	316	546	2,378	1,420
Jan 2008	183	495	810	331	561	2,380	1,373
Feb	193	575	858	324	628	2,578	1,503
Mar	181	574	775	313	529	2,372	1,457
Apr	188	733	813	315	601	2,650	1,496
May	184	830	838	320	769	2,940	1,433
Jun	186	906	791	322	695	2,901	1,511
Jul	178	1,033	819	326	620	2,976	1,620
Aug	194	848	747	343	760	2,892	1,434
Sep	198	934	820	320	624	2,895	1,474
Oct	215	960	840	360	671	3,045	1,534
Nov	210	972	765	349	619	2,915	1,479

Adversity Leads to Diversity

Last year was a rough one for BC's forest sector as a result of slumping demand from the United States and corresponding price declines. Consequently, the value of BC's exports of forest products dropped substantially and the proportion of BC's total exports comprised of wood, pulp and paper products also slipped.

Troubles in the forest sector have meant a smaller share of BC's exports is comprised of forest products

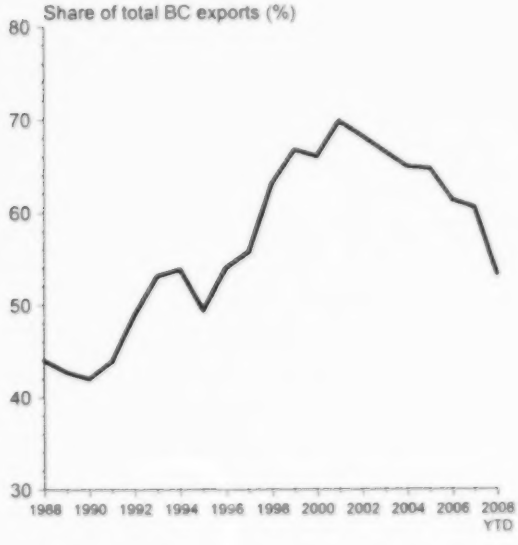


Source: Statistics Canada

The value of forest product exports slumped 17.8% year-to-date to November compared to the first 11 months of 2007. Despite this, the overall value of BC origin exports actually climbed 5.1% in the same period. The main reason for this was a 56.8% jump in the value of exports of energy products. In particular, the value of coal shipments soared 114.9%, as prices for that commodity skyrocketed. The high prices seen in 2008 were the result of global supply problems, mainly due to weather-related difficulties in Australia, the world's largest supplier of coal. Not only did BC coal producers benefit from higher prices for their product, they also experienced an increase in demand as normal supply channels were disrupted. Over the January to November period, the volume of coal shipped from BC to international destinations climbed 9.1%.

One of the consequences of this shift from forest products toward coal has been a more diverse marketplace for BC exports. Since Canada signed a free trade agreement with the United States two decades ago, that country has taken on greater prominence as a trade partner for both British Columbia and Canada as a whole. Since 1993, the proportion of British Columbia's exports shipped to the United States has been at or over 50%, peaking at almost 70% in 2001.

The share of BC's exports destined for the United States has been falling

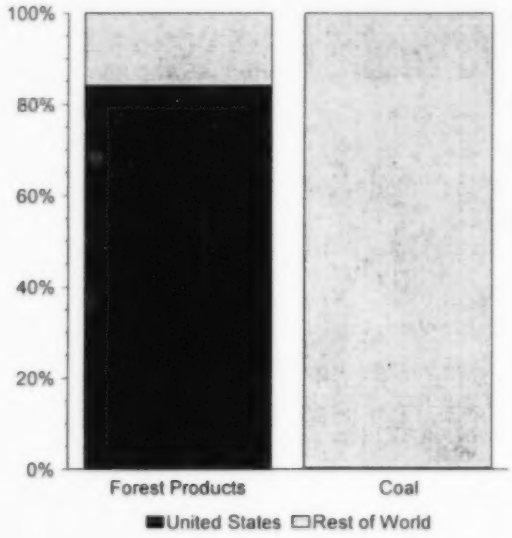


Source: Statistics Canada

Since then, there has been a steady downward trend in the share of BC's exports that were US-bound. In 2008, there were even a few months where less than half of BC's exports were shipped to the United States.

One of the major reasons for the diversification away from the United States is the shift from forest products to coal. The US is by far the most significant importer of BC forest products, particularly solid wood products such as softwood lumber. In contrast, the United States imports very little coal from BC.

The US was the destination for most of BC's forest product exports in 2007, but almost none of the province's coal shipments



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The primary destinations for BC's coal are Japan and South Korea. Approximately a third of BC's exported coal was shipped to Japan in 2007, with a further 20% sent to South Korea. In 2008, to November, the value of coal exported from BC was already well above 2007 levels. Substantial increases in contracted prices for coal shipped to both Japan and South Korea have resulted in a more than $1.4 billion increase in the value of shipments to just those two countries. Other countries that have experienced a significant increase in imports of BC coal include Brazil, Taiwan, Mexico and China.

In terms of overall BC exports, the Pacific Rim has been the region with the largest increase in share, with the percentage of total BC exports destined for Pacific Rim countries rising from around 27% in 2007 to almost 32% through the first 11 months of 2008. The proportion of shipments headed to Europe has climbed by less than a percentage point to 8.5%, while exports to all other destinations have risen from 4.4% in 2007 to 6.2% in the January to November period of 2008.

It is difficult to say whether or not this diversification of BC's export markets will persist, particularly given the current global economic crisis that is affecting demand for a large number of goods, including energy products such as coal. A large portion of BC's coal exports are used to fuel the blast furnaces of steelmakers, but as demand for products made of steel declines as consumers hold off from making large purchases and businesses cut back on capital spending, so too will the need for the coal to fuel the furnaces. Both Teck Cominco and Western Canadian Coal have announced that they will reduce their British Columbia operations by cutting jobs and dropping output in response to the falling demand for coal. It is expected that record high contract prices for 2008 could be halved when new prices are set. The combination of a drop in production and lower prices should result in a significant drop in the value of BC's coal exports in 2009.

A poor outlook for coal could be a bad sign for overall BC exports. Most economic forecasts are

not anticipating a rapid recovery in the forest sector and the outlook for other resource sectors is not entirely positive either. Prices for base metals are expected to fall from historically high levels experienced in 2008, which will likely drop the value of BC exports of those commodities as well. The combination of a probable steep drop in the value of coal shipments, more modest declines in other mineral commodities and a continuation of the struggles in the forest sector could result in a significant drop in the value of BC's exports...unless another commodity comes to the forefront as coal did in 2008.

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Countries Included Within World Regions:

(1) Western Europe: United Kingdom, Ireland, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland.

(2) Eastern Europe: other Europe, including all of Russia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, etc.

(3) South East Asia: Malaysia, Brunei Darussalam, Singapore, Myanmar, Kampuchea, Laos, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam.

(4) Africa: continental Africa, excluding Ethiopia, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Egypt.

(5) South America: continental South America from Colombia and Venezuela south to Chile and Argentina, including offshore islands, but not Caribbean.

(6) Central America and Caribbean: from Guatemala and Belize to Panama, plus Caribbean Islands.

(7) Pacific Rim (including Japan): Japan, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Brunei Darussalam, Singapore, Laos, Mongolia, China, Indonesia, North Korea, South Korea, Philippines, Macau, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam, Australia, Fiji, New Zealand.

(8) Pacific Rim: as above, but excluding Japan.

(9) Middle East: from Turkey and Iran south through the Arabian Peninsula. Excluding Afghanistan and Pakistan, but including Cyprus, Ethiopia, Egypt, Somalia, Sudan and Libya.

The **European Union** is the membership as of January 1, 2007: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom.

'Selected Value-added Wood Products' category includes prefabricated houses, doors, windows, furniture, moulding, siding, etc. It does not include panel products, shakes, shingles or any pulp and paper products.

Revisions

Statistics Canada revises trade data for the previous three data years with release of the December data. The revision number is indicated in the footer of the tables (e.g., Rev 1 is the first annual revision, etc., and Prelim indicates it is the first release of data to December for that year). In addition to annual revisions, Statistics Canada revises the data for the previous data year every quarter (indicated in the footer by Rev Q1, etc) as well as with the release of the January and February data.

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B.C. ORIGIN EXPORTS TO SELECTED DESTINATIONS

	NOVEMBER			YEAR-TO-DATE			ANNUAL		
	2007	2008	CHANGE 2007-08	2007	2008	CHANGE 2007-08	2005	2006	2007
	VALUES ($,000)		(%)	VALUES ($,000)		(%)	VALUES ($,000)		
United Kingdom	30,689	15,702	-48.8%	377,787	389,652	3.1%	420,970	386,225	401,294
Germany	42,305	97,813	131.2%	443,128	503,820	13.7%	470,595	446,919	463,521
People's Republic of China	175,290	112,525	-35.8%	1,592,448	1,826,740	14.7%	1,325,453	1,485,885	1,742,507
Hong Kong	12,231	20,067	64.1%	151,001	213,258	41.2%	213,166	199,209	166,501
Taiwan	35,578	61,892	74.0%	412,645	582,226	41.1%	498,722	520,727	462,412
Japan	320,566	533,632	66.5%	3,820,222	4,619,016	20.9%	4,163,763	4,706,764	4,134,605
South Korea	123,721	165,946	34.1%	1,206,536	1,747,114	44.8%	1,167,734	1,364,544	1,307,768
India	10,510	4,626	-56.0%	222,675	148,203	-33.4%	196,511	345,944	234,037
Australia	19,154	11,899	-37.9%	195,080	201,313	3.2%	180,187	171,496	223,518
Mexico	19,590	31,087	58.7%	183,982	320,838	74.4%	236,979	185,277	195,764
United States	1,353,010	1,361,264	0.6%	17,740,628	16,370,921	-7.7%	22,101,477	20,518,688	19,089,493
other	237,378	278,476	17.3%	2,680,912	3,808,148	32.2%	3,191,718	3,136,549	3,137,928
Total International Exports	**2,380,022**	**2,694,930**	**13.2%**	**29,227,043**	**30,731,248**	**5.1%**	**34,167,276**	**33,468,226**	**31,559,348**
1) Western Europe	177,903	209,745	17.9%	2,126,400	2,441,433	14.8%	2,452,969	2,263,317	2,294,722
2) Eastern Europe	20,739	13,207	-36.3%	164,804	182,131	10.5%	128,635	115,992	174,189
3) South East Asia	31,292	31,753	1.5%	486,301	534,420	9.9%	450,577	523,622	520,729
4) Africa (exc. Egypt & Mid-East)	8,516	18,601	118.4%	66,263	148,865	124.7%	58,455	57,498	72,065
5) South America	30,625	52,183	70.4%	371,242	608,456	63.9%	437,323	480,787	405,177
6) Cent. Amer. & Caribb. (exc. Mex.)	9,234	36,094	290.9%	95,774	201,736	110.6%	106,767	114,165	105,866
7) Pacific Rim (including Japan)	725,620	946,565	30.4%	7,925,661	9,817,477	23.9%	8,077,523	9,034,931	8,625,638
8) Pacific Rim (excluding Japan)	405,053	412,933	1.9%	4,105,439	5,198,462	26.6%	3,913,760	4,328,167	4,491,033
9) Middle East	15,866	16,557	4.4%	254,968	397,250	55.8%	308,782	296,122	280,130
SHARE OF TOTAL (%)									
United Kingdom	1.3%	0.6%		1.3%	1.3%		1.2%	1.2%	1.3%
Germany	1.8%	3.6%		1.5%	1.6%		1.4%	1.3%	1.5%
People's Republic of China	7.4%	4.2%		5.4%	5.9%		3.9%	4.4%	5.5%
Hong Kong	0.5%	0.7%		0.5%	0.7%		0.6%	0.6%	0.5%
Taiwan	1.5%	2.3%		1.4%	1.9%		1.5%	1.6%	1.5%
Japan	13.5%	19.8%		13.1%	15.0%		12.2%	14.1%	13.1%
South Korea	5.2%	6.2%		4.1%	5.7%		3.4%	4.1%	4.1%
India	0.4%	0.2%		0.8%	0.5%		0.6%	1.0%	0.7%
Australia	0.8%	0.4%		0.7%	0.7%		0.5%	0.5%	0.7%
Mexico	0.8%	1.2%		0.6%	1.0%		0.7%	0.6%	0.6%
United States	56.8%	50.5%		60.7%	53.3%		64.7%	61.3%	60.5%
other	10.0%	10.3%		9.9%	12.4%		9.3%	9.4%	9.9%
Total International Exports	**100.0%**	**100.0%**		**100.0%**	**100.0%**		**100.0%**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**
1) Western Europe	7.5%	7.8%		7.3%	7.9%		7.2%	6.8%	7.3%
2) Eastern Europe	0.9%	0.5%		0.6%	0.6%		0.4%	0.3%	0.6%
3) South East Asia	1.3%	1.2%		1.7%	1.7%		1.3%	1.6%	1.6%
4) Africa (exc. Egypt & Mid-East)	0.4%	0.7%		0.2%	0.5%		0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
5) South America	1.3%	1.9%		1.3%	2.0%		1.3%	1.4%	1.3%
6) Cent. Amer. & Caribb. (exc. Mex.)	0.4%	1.3%		0.3%	0.7%		0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
7) Pacific Rim (including Japan)	30.5%	35.1%		27.1%	31.9%		23.6%	27.0%	27.3%
8) Pacific Rim (excluding Japan)	17.0%	15.3%		14.0%	16.9%		11.5%	12.9%	14.2%
9) Middle East	0.7%	0.6%		0.9%	1.3%		0.9%	0.9%	0.9%

See attached NOTES for countries within listed regions.

B.C. ORIGIN EXPORTS to ALL COUNTRIES
– SELECTED COMMODITIES –

	NOVEMBER			YEAR-TO-DATE				
			CHANGE			CHANGE	SHARE	
	2007 ($,000)	2008 ($,000)	2007-08 (%)	2007 ($,000)	2008 ($,000)	2007-08 (%)	2007 (%)	2008 (%)
SOLID WOOD PRODUCTS	**445,255**	**389,174**	**-12.6%**	**6,741,652**	**5,046,596**	**-25.1%**	**23.1%**	**16.4%**
Lumber (softwood)	281,318	269,754	-4.1%	4,483,773	3,364,103	-25.0%	15.3%	10.9%
Cedar Shakes and Shingles	18,785	12,969	-31.0%	255,341	194,899	-23.7%	0.9%	0.6%
Plywood and Veneer (softwood)	16,938	10,679	-37.0%	274,144	169,378	-38.2%	0.9%	0.6%
Other Panel Products	38,647	30,853	-20.2%	517,012	387,099	-25.1%	1.8%	1.3%
Selected Value Added Wood Products	46,248	35,505	-23.2%	635,756	481,578	-24.3%	2.2%	1.6%
Logs	19,641	11,320	-42.4%	361,059	243,832	-32.5%	1.2%	0.8%
Other	23,678	18,094	-23.6%	214,566	205,706	-4.1%	0.7%	0.7%
PULP AND PAPER PRODUCTS	**399,464**	**345,176**	**-13.6%**	**4,703,823**	**4,361,234**	**-7.3%**	**16.1%**	**14.2%**
Pulp	264,884	184,261	-30.4%	3,091,224	2,693,407	-12.9%	10.6%	8.8%
Newsprint	19,074	28,443	49.1%	410,148	312,791	-23.7%	1.4%	1.0%
Paper, Paperboard - exc. Newsprint	103,286	119,177	15.4%	1,045,347	1,201,756	15.0%	3.6%	3.9%
Other	12,220	13,295	8.8%	157,103	153,280	-2.4%	0.5%	0.5%
AGRICULTURE AND FOOD OTHER THAN FISH	**103,650**	**136,542**	**31.7%**	**1,351,098**	**1,467,168**	**8.6%**	**4.6%**	**4.8%**
Fruit and Nuts	15,186	14,782	-2.7%	203,789	207,655	1.9%	0.7%	0.7%
Vegetables	12,610	16,637	31.9%	205,777	218,073	6.0%	0.7%	0.7%
Other	75,854	105,123	38.6%	941,532	1,041,439	10.6%	3.2%	3.4%
FISH PRODUCTS	**63,350**	**71,659**	**13.1%**	**837,163**	**831,245**	**-0.7%**	**2.9%**	**2.7%**
Whole Fish,Fresh, Ch'd, Froz. exc Salmon	14,661	14,654	0.0%	151,258	162,717	7.6%	0.5%	0.5%
Whole Salmon; Fresh, Chilled, Frozen	26,482	31,113	17.5%	353,521	333,236	-5.7%	1.2%	1.1%
Salmon; Fillets, Canned, Smoked, etc.	4,426	3,160	-28.6%	35,169	35,482	0.9%	0.1%	0.1%
Other	17,781	22,732	27.8%	297,215	299,810	0.9%	1.0%	1.0%
METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS	**289,093**	**249,068**	**-13.8%**	**3,171,713**	**3,158,745**	**-0.4%**	**10.9%**	**10.3%**
Copper Ores and Concentrates	117,769	75,774	-35.7%	1,084,469	1,093,095	0.8%	3.7%	3.6%
Molybdenum Ores and Concentrates	33,713	46,159	36.9%	401,648	473,201	17.8%	1.4%	1.5%
Unwrought Aluminum	58,533	75,731	29.4%	698,355	710,673	1.8%	2.4%	2.3%
Unwrought Zinc	58,733	32,837	-44.1%	682,825	534,934	-21.7%	2.3%	1.7%
Other	20,345	18,568	-8.7%	304,415	346,843	13.9%	1.0%	1.1%
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	**88,812**	**65,221**	**-26.6%**	**1,004,242**	**1,164,846**	**16.0%**	**3.4%**	**3.8%**
ENERGY PRODUCTS	**499,662**	**908,290**	**81.8%**	**5,635,475**	**8,836,305**	**56.8%**	**19.3%**	**28.8%**
Natural Gas	222,806	229,602	3.1%	2,419,006	2,932,840	21.2%	8.3%	9.5%
Coal	204,581	586,700	186.8%	2,281,230	4,902,282	114.9%	7.8%	16.0%
Electricity	43,034	32,452	-24.6%	572,387	521,410	-8.9%	2.0%	1.7%
Other	29,242	59,536	103.6%	362,851	479,773	32.2%	1.2%	1.6%
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	**288,937**	**293,639**	**1.6%**	**3,225,948**	**3,094,704**	**-4.1%**	**11.0%**	**10.1%**
Motor Vehicles and Parts	27,088	20,377	-24.8%	335,443	279,949	-16.5%	1.1%	0.9%
Electrical/Electronic/Communications	62,650	76,630	22.3%	658,695	714,911	8.5%	2.3%	2.3%
Scientific/Photographic/Measuring Equip., etc.	32,172	32,269	0.3%	359,624	355,426	-1.2%	1.2%	1.2%
Other	167,027	164,363	-1.6%	1,872,185	1,744,419	-6.8%	6.4%	5.7%
PLASTICS AND ARTICLES OF PLASTIC	**32,590**	**29,435**	**-9.7%**	**451,811**	**375,761**	**-16.8%**	**1.5%**	**1.2%**
CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	**55,068**	**85,268**	**54.9%**	**637,028**	**986,660**	**54.9%**	**2.2%**	**3.2%**
APPAREL AND ACCESSORIES	**11,953**	**9,727**	**-18.6%**	**146,218**	**107,817**	**-26.3%**	**0.5%**	**0.4%**
TEXTILES	**3,589**	**4,309**	**20.1%**	**55,361**	**46,922**	**-15.2%**	**0.2%**	**0.2%**
ALL OTHER COMMODITIES	**98,608**	**107,420**	**8.9%**	**1,266,512**	**1,253,244**	**-1.0%**	**4.3%**	**4.1%**
GRAND TOTAL	**2,380,022**	**2,694,930**	**13.2%**	**29,227,043**	**30,731,248**	**5.1%**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**

B.C. ORIGIN EXPORTS to the U.S.A.
– SELECTED COMMODITIES –

	NOVEMBER			YEAR-TO-DATE				
			CHANGE			CHANGE	SHARE	
	2007 ($,000)	2008 ($,000)	2007-08 (%)	2007 ($,000)	2008 ($,000)	2007-08 (%)	2007 (%)	2008 (%)
SOLID WOOD PRODUCTS	**309,735**	**254,379**	**-17.9%**	**4,942,387**	**3,299,537**	**-33.2%**	**27.9%**	**20.2%**
Lumber (softwood)	192,079	159,379	-17.0%	3,193,538	2,071,431	-35.1%	18.0%	12.7%
Cedar Shakes and Shingles	17,402	12,359	-29.0%	239,564	175,239	-26.9%	1.4%	1.1%
Plywood and Veneer (softwood)	15,545	9,586	-38.3%	243,662	149,705	-38.6%	1.4%	0.9%
Other Panel Products	32,740	26,492	-19.1%	437,855	322,018	-26.5%	2.5%	2.0%
Selected Value Added Wood Products	40,512	32,362	-20.1%	547,214	425,520	-22.2%	3.1%	2.6%
Logs	3,971	6,385	60.8%	175,481	70,321	-59.9%	1.0%	0.4%
Other	7,485	7,816	4.4%	105,074	85,304	-18.8%	0.6%	0.5%
PULP AND PAPER PRODUCTS	**163,949**	**193,540**	**18.0%**	**1,985,620**	**1,963,109**	**-1.1%**	**11.2%**	**12.0%**
Pulp	71,882	73,281	1.9%	854,130	760,702	-10.9%	4.8%	4.6%
Newsprint	11,927	14,424	20.9%	231,122	167,998	-27.3%	1.3%	1.0%
Paper, Paperboard - exc. Newsprint	69,809	94,460	35.3%	771,171	908,405	17.8%	4.3%	5.5%
Other	10,331	11,375	10.1%	129,197	126,005	-2.5%	0.7%	0.8%
AGRICULTURE AND FOOD OTHER THAN FISH	**74,569**	**87,858**	**17.8%**	**1,020,934**	**1,038,868**	**1.8%**	**5.8%**	**6.3%**
Fruit and Nuts	11,554	12,403	7.3%	166,420	180,197	8.3%	0.9%	1.1%
Vegetables	10,834	14,787	36.5%	189,987	205,037	7.9%	1.1%	1.3%
Other	52,181	60,669	16.3%	664,526	653,634	-1.6%	3.7%	4.0%
FISH PRODUCTS	**36,531**	**43,787**	**19.9%**	**507,619**	**485,913**	**-4.3%**	**2.9%**	**3.0%**
Whole Fish;Fresh, Ch'd, Froz. exc Salmon	4,449	4,393	-1.3%	56,437	57,300	1.5%	0.3%	0.4%
Whole Salmon; Fresh, Chilled, Frozen	22,680	27,847	22.8%	313,066	293,450	-6.3%	1.8%	1.8%
Salmon; Fillets, Canned, Smoked, etc.	200	195	-2.7%	1,707	1,387	-19.9%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	9,202	11,353	23.4%	136,409	133,796	-1.9%	0.8%	0.8%
METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS	**71,976**	**56,554**	**-21.4%**	**822,573**	**872,861**	**6.1%**	**4.6%**	**5.3%**
Copper Ores and Concentrates	0	0	NA	0	658	NA	0.0%	0.0%
Molybdenum Ores and Concentrates	7,020	8,974	27.8%	65,652	124,110	89.0%	0.4%	0.8%
Unwrought Aluminum	3,655	7,211	97.3%	50,382	75,628	50.1%	0.3%	0.5%
Unwrought Zinc	49,021	26,647	-45.6%	550,313	455,495	-17.2%	3.1%	2.8%
Other	12,279	13,721	11.7%	156,226	216,971	38.9%	0.9%	1.3%
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	**57,852**	**52,875**	**-8.6%**	**724,944**	**837,781**	**15.6%**	**4.1%**	**5.1%**
ENERGY PRODUCTS	**295,499**	**321,504**	**8.8%**	**3,359,831**	**3,904,627**	**16.2%**	**18.9%**	**23.9%**
Natural Gas	222,806	229,602	3.1%	2,419,006	2,932,840	21.2%	13.6%	17.9%
Coal	450	0	-100.0%	6,428	9,874	53.6%	0.0%	0.1%
Electricity	43,034	32,452	-24.6%	572,386	521,410	-8.9%	3.2%	3.2%
Other	29,209	59,450	103.5%	362,010	440,504	21.7%	2.0%	2.7%
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	**188,399**	**194,763**	**3.4%**	**2,283,622**	**2,077,822**	**-9.0%**	**12.9%**	**12.7%**
Motor Vehicles and Parts	23,213	15,978	-31.2%	297,614	238,617	-19.8%	1.7%	1.5%
Electrical/Electronic/Communications	38,515	42,422	10.1%	448,253	436,645	-2.6%	2.5%	2.7%
Scientific/Photographic/Measuring Equip., etc.	17,200	17,978	4.5%	210,994	196,698	-6.8%	1.2%	1.2%
Other	109,471	118,385	8.1%	1,326,761	1,205,862	-9.1%	7.5%	7.4%
PLASTICS AND ARTICLES OF PLASTIC	**29,618**	**27,344**	**-7.7%**	**414,178**	**332,854**	**-19.6%**	**2.3%**	**2.0%**
CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	**29,219**	**24,523**	**-16.1%**	**428,662**	**406,355**	**-5.2%**	**2.4%**	**2.5%**
APPAREL AND ACCESSORIES	**8,674**	**7,636**	**-12.0%**	**118,798**	**80,520**	**-32.2%**	**0.7%**	**0.5%**
TEXTILES	**1,626**	**1,797**	**10.5%**	**24,715**	**18,100**	**-26.8%**	**0.1%**	**0.1%**
ALL OTHER COMMODITIES	**85,363**	**94,704**	**10.9%**	**1,106,747**	**1,052,573**	**-4.9%**	**6.2%**	**6.4%**
GRAND TOTAL	**1,353,010**	**1,361,264**	**0.6%**	**17,740,628**	**16,370,921**	**-7.7%**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**

B.C. ORIGIN EXPORTS to JAPAN
– SELECTED COMMODITIES –

	NOVEMBER			YEAR-TO-DATE				
			CHANGE			CHANGE	SHARE	
	2007 ($,000)	2008 ($,000)	2007-08 (%)	2007 ($,000)	2008 ($,000)	2007-08 (%)	2007 (%)	2008 (%)
SOLID WOOD PRODUCTS	**73,821**	**63,470**	**-14.0%**	**963,752**	**885,964**	**-8.1%**	**25.2%**	**19.2%**
Lumber (softwood)	51,316	54,447	6.1%	682,044	654,400	-4.1%	17.9%	14.2%
Cedar Shakes and Shingles	0	4	NA	23	56	141.6%	0.0%	0.0%
Plywood and Veneer (softwood)	290	340	17.3%	12,423	3,090	-75.1%	0.3%	0.1%
Other Panel Products	3,485	3,604	3.4%	46,535	44,899	-3.5%	1.2%	1.0%
Selected Value Added Wood Products	3,395	2,033	-40.1%	53,053	29,491	-44.4%	1.4%	0.6%
Logs	10,319	167	-98.4%	131,789	117,696	-10.7%	3.4%	2.5%
Other	5,017	2,874	-42.7%	37,883	36,332	-4.1%	1.0%	0.8%
PULP AND PAPER PRODUCTS	**26,550**	**14,745**	**-44.5%**	**285,837**	**249,036**	**-12.9%**	**7.5%**	**5.4%**
Pulp	25,618	13,542	-47.1%	273,512	235,277	-14.0%	7.2%	5.1%
Newsprint	474	295	-37.8%	5,003	4,358	-12.9%	0.1%	0.1%
Paper, Paperboard - exc. Newsprint	427	618	44.8%	5,175	4,941	-4.5%	0.1%	0.1%
Other	31	290	820.1%	2,147	4,460	107.7%	0.1%	0.1%
AGRICULTURE AND FOOD OTHER THAN FISH	**5,310**	**21,583**	**306.4%**	**90,438**	**133,912**	**48.1%**	**2.4%**	**2.9%**
Fruit and Nuts	1,196	863	-27.8%	10,770	10,238	-4.9%	0.3%	0.2%
Vegetables	771	348	-54.9%	10,085	5,844	-42.1%	0.3%	0.1%
Other	3,343	20,372	509.3%	69,583	117,829	69.3%	1.8%	2.6%
FISH PRODUCTS	**6,753**	**7,613**	**12.7%**	**131,172**	**128,858**	**-1.8%**	**3.4%**	**2.8%**
Whole Fish;Fresh, Ch'd, Froz. exc Salmon	1,673	2,084	24.6%	27,612	26,797	-3.0%	0.7%	0.6%
Whole Salmon; Fresh, Chilled, Frozen	2,097	2,211	5.4%	18,542	22,819	23.1%	0.5%	0.5%
Salmon; Fillets, Canned, Smoked, etc.	387	39	-90.0%	1,308	982	-24.9%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	2,596	3,279	26.3%	83,710	78,260	-6.5%	2.2%	1.7%
METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS	**114,152**	**113,397**	**-0.7%**	**1,433,806**	**1,360,045**	**-5.1%**	**37.5%**	**29.4%**
Copper Ores and Concentrates	68,203	59,135	-10.7%	724,713	715,761	-1.2%	19.0%	15.5%
Molybdenum Ores and Concentrates	13,837	18,542	34.0%	132,533	131,406	-0.9%	3.5%	2.8%
Unwrought Aluminum	32,626	33,345	2.2%	465,343	468,972	0.8%	12.2%	10.2%
Unwrought Zinc	316	470	48.8%	22,591	6,205	-72.5%	0.6%	0.1%
Other	1,171	1,906	62.9%	88,626	37,681	-57.5%	2.3%	0.8%
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	**890**	**847**	**-4.8%**	**11,786**	**15,857**	**34.5%**	**0.3%**	**0.3%**
ENERGY PRODUCTS	**80,739**	**304,333**	**276.9%**	**775,592**	**1,744,781**	**125.0%**	**20.3%**	**37.8%**
Natural Gas	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0.0%	0.0%
Coal	80,714	304,260	277.0%	775,437	1,744,476	125.0%	20.3%	37.8%
Electricity	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0.0%	0.0%
Other	25	73	192.3%	155	305	97.2%	0.0%	0.0%
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	**8,051**	**2,859**	**-64.5%**	**58,787**	**43,940**	**-25.3%**	**1.5%**	**1.0%**
Motor Vehicles and Parts	22	98	351.4%	441	608	37.8%	0.0%	0.0%
Electrical/Electronic/Communications	701	678	-3.2%	12,744	9,606	-24.6%	0.3%	0.2%
Scientific/Photographic/Measuring Equip., etc.	369	329	-10.9%	5,777	6,998	21.1%	0.2%	0.2%
Other	6,959	1,753	-74.8%	39,825	26,729	-32.9%	1.0%	0.6%
PLASTICS AND ARTICLES OF PLASTIC	**56**	**124**	**121.0%**	**1,911**	**986**	**-48.4%**	**0.1%**	**0.0%**
CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	**3,364**	**4,027**	**19.7%**	**50,130**	**47,140**	**-6.0%**	**1.3%**	**1.0%**
APPAREL AND ACCESSORIES	**258**	**248**	**-3.9%**	**4,539**	**3,559**	**-21.6%**	**0.1%**	**0.1%**
TEXTILES	**24**	**0**	**-99.3%**	**214**	**128**	**-40.5%**	**0.0%**	**0.0%**
ALL OTHER COMMODITIES	**597**	**387**	**-35.2%**	**12,258**	**4,809**	**-60.8%**	**0.3%**	**0.1%**
GRAND TOTAL	**320,566**	**533,632**	**66.5%**	**3,820,222**	**4,619,016**	**20.9%**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**

B.C. ORIGIN EXPORTS TO THE EUROPEAN UNION (2007 membership)*
– SELECTED COMMODITIES –

	NOVEMBER			YEAR-TO-DATE				
			CHANGE			CHANGE	SHARE	
	2007 ($,000)	2008 ($,000)	2007-08 (%)	2007 ($,000)	2008 ($,000)	2007-08 (%)	2007 (%)	2008 (%)
SOLID WOOD PRODUCTS	**23,449**	**25,463**	**8.6%**	**334,211**	**349,600**	**4.6%**	**15.5%**	**14.2%**
Lumber (softwood)	10,831	17,502	61.6%	236,924	237,995	0.5%	11.0%	9.7%
Cedar Shakes and Shingles	813	335	-58.8%	9,579	10,313	7.7%	0.4%	0.4%
Plywood and Veneer (softwood)	552	181	-67.3%	13,577	10,964	-19.2%	0.6%	0.4%
Other Panel Products	321	51	-84.1%	2,186	2,146	-1.8%	0.1%	0.1%
Selected Value Added Wood Products	484	297	-38.7%	8,933	9,620	7.7%	0.4%	0.4%
Logs	0	0	NA	88	17	-80.6%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	10,447	7,097	-32.1%	62,924	78,545	24.8%	2.9%	3.2%
PULP AND PAPER PRODUCTS	**36,074**	**24,729**	**-31.5%**	**414,955**	**330,173**	**-20.4%**	**19.3%**	**13.4%**
Pulp	27,621	20,913	-24.3%	372,299	278,140	-25.3%	17.3%	11.3%
Newsprint	87	0	-100.0%	560	106	-81.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Paper, Paperboard - exc. Newsprint	8,242	3,798	-53.9%	41,618	51,405	23.5%	1.9%	2.1%
Other	125	18	-85.8%	478	523	9.4%	0.0%	0.0%
AGRICULTURE AND FOOD OTHER THAN FISH	**2,825**	**2,141**	**-24.2%**	**38,150**	**32,836**	**-13.9%**	**1.8%**	**1.3%**
Fruit and Nuts	118	84	-28.7%	10,120	7,069	-30.2%	0.5%	0.3%
Vegetables	827	754	-8.8%	3,495	3,335	-4.6%	0.2%	0.1%
Other	1,880	1,302	-30.7%	24,535	22,432	-8.6%	1.1%	0.9%
FISH PRODUCTS	**6,593**	**4,756**	**-27.9%**	**57,285**	**51,458**	**-10.2%**	**2.7%**	**2.1%**
Whole Fish;Fresh, Ch'd, Froz. exc Salmon	1,503	1,086	-27.8%	17,075	13,827	-19.0%	0.8%	0.6%
Whole Salmon; Fresh, Chilled, Frozen	933	985	5.5%	10,375	7,047	-32.1%	0.5%	0.3%
Salmon; Fillets, Canned, Smoked, etc.	3,235	2,426	-25.0%	26,263	25,647	-2.3%	1.2%	1.0%
Other	922	259	-71.9%	3,572	4,938	38.2%	0.2%	0.2%
METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS	**8,767**	**13,523**	**54.2%**	**166,412**	**168,516**	**1.3%**	**7.7%**	**6.8%**
Copper Ores and Concentrates	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0.0%	0.0%
Molybdenum Ores and Concentrates	4,712	12,945	174.8%	135,637	144,269	6.4%	6.3%	5.9%
Unwrought Aluminum	71	516	628.7%	3,029	2,659	-12.2%	0.1%	0.1%
Unwrought Zinc	3,588	0	-100.0%	10,521	4,134	-60.7%	0.5%	0.2%
Other	397	61	-84.6%	17,225	17,454	1.3%	0.8%	0.7%
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	**3,672**	**1,060**	**-71.1%**	**14,127**	**13,044**	**-7.7%**	**0.7%**	**0.5%**
ENERGY PRODUCTS	**54,219**	**86,315**	**59.2%**	**622,902**	**999,565**	**60.5%**	**29.0%**	**40.6%**
Natural Gas	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0.0%	0.0%
Coal	54,216	86,313	59.2%	622,838	999,483	60.5%	29.0%	40.6%
Electricity	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0.0%	0.0%
Other	3	2	-30.0%	64	82	28.3%	0.0%	0.0%
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	**36,440**	**42,067**	**15.4%**	**371,261**	**396,848**	**6.9%**	**17.3%**	**16.1%**
Motor Vehicles and Parts	551	989	79.3%	6,782	9,138	34.7%	0.3%	0.4%
Electrical/Electronic/Communications	10,731	22,768	112.2%	96,707	152,958	58.2%	4.5%	6.2%
Scientific/Photographic/Measuring Equip., etc.	6,686	4,739	-29.1%	65,657	68,322	4.1%	3.1%	2.8%
Other	18,472	13,571	-26.5%	202,114	166,432	-17.7%	9.4%	6.8%
PLASTICS AND ARTICLES OF PLASTIC	**763**	**728**	**-4.5%**	**7,547**	**7,410**	**-1.8%**	**0.4%**	**0.3%**
CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	**3,789**	**3,746**	**-1.1%**	**38,919**	**38,057**	**-2.2%**	**1.8%**	**1.5%**
APPAREL AND ACCESSORIES	**1,770**	**830**	**-53.1%**	**13,351**	**10,955**	**-17.9%**	**0.6%**	**0.4%**
TEXTILES	**127**	**103**	**-18.7%**	**8,224**	**2,537**	**-69.1%**	**0.4%**	**0.1%**
ALL OTHER COMMODITIES	**5,890**	**3,747**	**-36.4%**	**62,270**	**61,615**	**-1.1%**	**2.9%**	**2.5%**
GRAND TOTAL	**184,377**	**209,207**	**13.5%**	**2,149,612**	**2,462,614**	**14.6%**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**

* Note that as of January 1, 2007 the European Union expanded to include two new members: Bulgaria and Romania. These figures include those countries.